

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method for creating a portfolio of investments comprising the steps of:

selecting a portfolio of investments from a plurality of potential investment options using a graphical user interface on the computer;

adjusting a desired risk-return characteristic of said selected portfolio by adjusting a risk-return pointer using a graphical user interface ~~device~~ on the computer; and

transmitting over a network by the computer a portfolio trading order to purchase a risk adjusted portfolio, which includes the selected portfolio of investments with an adjusted risk return characteristic ~~including a plurality of trades to implement an adjusted portfolio over a computer network~~.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising:

determining automatically by the computer ~~a processor~~ a weighting of a plurality of instruments in the portfolio to accommodate said adjusted risk-return characteristic.